

Mariner May 10, 1979  
Barnside Tavern

## History of The Barnside Tavern

Early in the 17th Century, not long after the Plymouth Colony was settled by the Pilgrims, the new Americans branched out exploring their new land. They followed paths of the Indians, journeying north, south, and west. One of these paths, later known as Plymouth and Bay Path, is the oldest road in Massachusetts. At a crossroad on that path, known by the Indians as Hassenippi (Rocky Water), is where Thomas Simmons eventually built his house and barn in 1781. The area is now the junction of Routes 123 & 53 and is still referred to as Assinippi.

In the Autumn of 1972, George & Mary Williams, with the help of friends and neighbors built a Tavern. They converted The Simmons Barn, then, a year later moved his house and connected it to the Barn. Throughout the renovation they kept the original shape, using all the old wood and timber while adding many interesting items to make their Tavern much the way it would have been in the 18th Century. They recreated a place and time in 1700 where a Traveller, a days ride from Plymouth to Boston, might stop to enjoy a good healthy meal, learn the news of the day, meet friends, rest from the troubles of the

time and enlighten himself with an Ale or Cup of Grog in the friendly surroundings.

The Williams' used glass in the doors that had been originally in the ladies room of the Old Quincy Railroad Dept. The leaded glass windows were salvaged from a Turkish Bath on Clarendon Street in Boston and the slate is from the Quincy Library. Jugs, mirrors, wheelbarrows and many hours of labor were donated by friends. The House & Barn floors are original, just sanded and spruced up. The ell of the old house was moved to the opposite side of the Barn to make a kitchen. Lighting fixtures are of tern — half pewter, half tin — the metal of the day. Handmade doors, tables and costumes, everything straight from the 18th Century.

Their Tavern was created for you, their friends and neighbors; most of whom they know, some they have yet to meet. Created so you can slip back in time and recapture the feeling of the Old World when friends were real, you enjoyed yourself, and were enjoyed by those who served you.

## Entertainment

Monday

Light Listening

Tuesday

Karen Eisner — Folk Guitar

Wednesday — Thursday — Friday — Saturday

Dance Band Orchestra Traditional



## Functions from 10-200 For All Occasions

SPECIAL OCCASIONS, WEDDINGS, COCKTAIL PARTIES, BANQUETS

Flowers, Invitations, Limousine, Band

### We can do more!

We will make a menu within your price range

or

quote on a pre-selected menu.

Please call:

Jan Lydon 871-0827

## Reservations

accepted

everyday and night

except Friday and Saturday after 7 p.m.

878-1234

878-9814

## Gift Certificate

In any amount and quantity available

by phone, mail or at the Hostess desk

from 9 am. til midnight.

## Help Us Improve

A recent 10,000 all telephone survey of my Tavern showed 93.2% of those surveyed rated Food, Service and Facilities 8, 9 or 10 on a scale of 1-10. Five hundred kind people thought enough to offer constructive criticism and suggestions for improvement.

Criticism: Cold food, slow service, unpaved parking lot, noisy cold building, too much food, too long of a wait for dinner on weekends.

To improve your dining pleasure we have already installed new food covers and plate warmers, service computer, ventilation improvements, new varied menu and parking lot pavement. I think the new Taverns and Restaurants, are trying to help with the last one.

If you have a complaint or suggestion for improvement write to me, tell me. You'll be surprised at what you'll get in return and how fast we will act on it.

Complaints — Suggestions — Improvements

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